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1. The object GOS Reserve in Riga ( $56^{\circ}54'N/24^{\circ}13'E$ ), Latvian SSR., was located about 5 km east or southeast of the main railroad station, northeast of the railroad line to Moscow, and of a streetcar line leaving the town toward the southeast. A ceramics plant was 2 km southeast of this object. \*
2. A small improvised airfield without installations bordered on the eastern edge of the GOS Reserve object. The field was occupied by about 20 bi-planes, two jet fighters and some twin-engine planes. Soviet soldiers worked on the aircraft every day. The engines were running almost all day, but there was no flying. Some tents and a mobile radio station were at the field.
3. The installation called GOS Reserve by the Soviets and Latvians was located at the eastern edge of Riga, northeast of Moscow Street. About 55 aircraft were parked there in two or three rows. Some of them were covered with tarps. It was noted that four or five aircraft were single-engine planes and that they were short and plump. Some of the planes had no propellers. Those planes which could be observed closely seemed to be new. \* they had been standing there since mid-1947. \* the aircraft were German planes, which could not be used because spare parts were not available. Power units, searchlights, tents and trucks were seen near the planes. A loading point for aircraft engines was also there.

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\* Comment. GOS Reserve stands for State Reserve.

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